vidual statistical posts now outside the ISS, pending resumption of the overall cadre review action, is being examined in consultation with the Ministry of Finance.

Cadre Review of Indian Statistical Service Officers

2634. SHRI VISVJIT P. SINGH:
SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the 'Pioneer' Delhi edition of June 17, 1992, under the heading "ISS Officers languish in dead-end jobs";

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to fix a definite date by which the Cadre Review will be completed; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Efforts of the Government have been oriented towards improving the promotional avenues through more and more encadrement of posts and introduction of cadre posts above the Junior Administrative Grade. With the upgradation and encadrement of posts in the higher grades and stoppage of lateral entry at Grade I and II levels (now merged to Junior Administrative Grade) in recent years, there has been improvement in promotional avenues and the cadre strength of ISS has considerably increased.

Promotions were made on regular basis to fill one vacancy in the Higher Administrative Grade and six in the Senior Administrative Grade. Promotions were also made on ad hoc basis to fill up vacancies in the Junior Administrative Grade and Grade III, pursuant to the permission of the Supreme Court in a then pending Civil Appeal. Steps for promotions on regular basis to Grade III and JAG are under way subsequent to the final orders of the Supreme Court in April 1992.

A Task Force was set up on 28-11-1990 to consider the aspect of Cadre Review of the ISS in all its perspectives. The Task Force submitted a draft report on 15-5-1991. The process of consultation with different Departments of the proposals in the report was set in motion. In the meanwhile, in the light of instructions in the context of the efforts for reduction of posts to reduce administrative expenditure, the ongoing cadre review was deferred for the time being. However, the possibility of encadering certain individual statistical posts now outside the ISS, pending resumption of the overall cadre review action, is being examined in consultation with the Ministry of Finance.

Deferring of Cadre Review of ISS Officers due to economy measures

2635. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE.
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cadre Review proposal of the ISS has been deferred as an "economy measure of the Deptt. of Statistics";

(b) if so, that is the estimaed expenditure to the exchequer if the proposals of the Task Force are adopted